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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007–08 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 474**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member DeVore**  
**(Coauthors: Assembly Members Benoit, Cook, Garrick, Horton,**  
**Huff, Jeffries, Maze, Silva, and Strickland)**

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An act to amend Sections 1651.5 and 9559.5 of, *and to add Section 4456.5 to*, the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 474, as amended, DeVore. Vehicle registration: biennial.

Existing law provides for an annual vehicle registration period.

This bill would permit the Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles to establish a biennial vehicle registration period option for registrants. If a person chooses the biennial vehicle registration option, he or she would be entitled to a 5% reduction in basic registration fees. *A dealer or lessor-retailer would not be required to inform a purchaser of the available registration options.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Section 1651.5 of the Vehicle Code is amended  
2     to read:

1 1651.5. (a) (1) The director may assign or reassign dates for  
2 the expiration of registration for a vehicle registered pursuant to  
3 this code. The director may establish a biennial registration period  
4 option for a vehicle consisting of any period from 14 months to  
5 36 months, inclusive, with subsequent renewals being required at  
6 yearly or biennial intervals thereafter. The director shall assign an  
7 expiration date of the last day of the calendar month to all trailers  
8 and to all motor vehicles subject to the additional fees under  
9 Section 9400. A vehicle registered on a quarterly basis shall be  
10 assigned or reassigned an expiration date of December 31 for that  
11 registration period.

12 (2) The director shall have the authority to exclude from the  
13 year-round or the biennial registration period any type of vehicle  
14 that the director deems appropriate for exclusion.

15 (3) The director shall reduce basic registration fees by 5 percent  
16 for a person who chooses the biennial registration option for his  
17 or her vehicle.

18 (b) In order to implement a year-round registration for vehicles  
19 registered pursuant to the International Registration Plan as  
20 described in Article 4 (commencing with Section 8050) of Chapter  
21 4 of Division 3, the director, on or before January 1, 2009, shall  
22 assign or reassign a date for the expiration of registration of those  
23 vehicles described in this subdivision and may utilize the applicable  
24 practices and procedures set forth under subdivision (a) in order  
25 to implement this subdivision.

26 (c) *The registration renewal letter mailed out 60 days prior to*  
27 *a renewal shall include an option to select for annual or biennial*  
28 *registration.*

29 *SEC. 2. Section 4456.5 is added to the Vehicle Code, to read:*  
30 *4456.5. A dealer or lessor-retailer shall not be required to*  
31 *inform a purchaser of the registration options available pursuant*  
32 *to subdivision (a) of Section 1651.5.*

33 ~~SEC. 2.~~

34 *SEC. 3. Section 9559.5 of the Vehicle Code is amended to*  
35 *read:*

36 9559.5. When, by reason of the assignment or reassignment  
37 of a renewal registration date by the director, the registration year  
38 is less than, or more than, 12 or 24 months, the fee due for that  
39 renewal shall be decreased or increased by one-twelfth or one

- 1 twenty-fourth of the annual fee for each month of the period less
- 2 than, or in excess of, 12 or 24 months.

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